# NEW YORK IS IN CRISIS

Half of New Yorkers in every county pay more rent than they can afford. Apartments are not only expensive, but they are also the single largest source of pollution in the state. The orange skies, deadly blizzards, flooded streets, and unbreathable air are our new reality. Climate migration is bringing more families to New York; people who need the same things that we do. Future climate disasters are projected to displace almost half of the families who live in NYC, and things will get even worse in the next six years if we don't cut climate heating pollution by 40%.

Our communities are still recovering from COVID-19. Many of us lost our jobs during this time and still struggle to catch up on our debts. 1 in 4 U.S adults experienced psychological distress during the pandemic. In this crisis, services our communities rely on, like schools, libraries, and parks, are being cut. While we all struggle to pay rent, buy food, and breathe, landlords and the 1% are getting richer.

## New York Communities for Change believes that:

**Everyone Deserves a Home**

**New York Has Enough for Everyone – If the Wealthy Pay What They Owe**

**New Yorkers Deserve Healthy Communities, But Fossil Fuels Are Making Us Sick**

**Everyone Deserves Access to Basic Needs, No Matter their Immigration Status**

**Public Safety Means Investments in Life-Giving Services for Communities.**